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- c) Transmittal of Supplemental Declaration;
- d) Supplemental Declaration.
- e) Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE


Dear Sir:

In the attachment of the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance is directed to independent claim 1, but does not relate to the other independent claim 10 of this application. Namely, the features recited by the Examiner are features of independent claim 1, but are not features or limitations of independent claim 10. Instead, independent claim 10 is patentable because the prior art of record does not disclose and would not have suggested a diamond blade arrangement that includes a reinforcing superabrasive layer extending in a whirly configuration or manner from the outer periphery toward the inner periphery of the circular core and separated from a first superabrasive layer. To the contrary, the prior art generally discloses a cutting blade having a reinforcing layer that extends linearly and radially from the center toward the periphery of the blade.

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TRANSMITTAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.67

Dear Sir:

A Supplemental Declaration is enclosed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.67(b). The allowed claims include subject matter that was originally disclosed but not recited in the original claims. The Supplemental Declaration expressly refers to the Amendments in which the claims were presented and/or amended.


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